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TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HOUSED AT HEALTH CENTER

Tentative Date For Formal Opening of Splendid New Building In Torrance Set For January 27

Torrance this week welcomed among its new residents, Dr. H. C. Smiley, coincident with the removal from Redondo Beach of the health center to the attractive new home just completed in Torrance at a cost of \$35,000.

Dr. Smiley is changing his residence from Redondo in order that he may reside as near to the new health center as possible, as he is in charge of the southwest district.

Meanwhile, preparations were being completed for the formal opening of the new health center, tentatively set for Friday, January 27, one week hence. Records have been removed from the Redondo office and also from the Inglewood office.

At the opening of the new health center, erected by the county on a site donated by the city, the headquarters of the southwest district, embracing also Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita, Hollywood, Riviera, Redondo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo, will be located at Torrance, according to Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer.

Commenting upon the new building, Dr. Pomeroy stated the department figured that the new home would pay for itself in about eight years, in savings to the county. The county health department now maintains health centers in 24 incorporated cities of the county.

District offices of the county welfare department are located on the second floor of the new building. This arrangement is customary in other health centers throughout the county; it was explained. Details of the formal opening are being arranged by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The new branch is in charge of Miss Elsie B. Hough, who formerly was assistant director at the Inglewood welfare branch office. According to A. C. Price, superintendent of the county welfare bureau in Los Angeles, the case load of the southwest district has become too heavy for the Inglewood office to handle by itself.

Opening of the Torrance branch was made possible by quarters made available in the new Torrance health center, which today houses the branch office formerly maintained at Redondo. The entire second floor, with the exception of one room, has been turned over to the welfare bureau, the latter paying therefor its proportionate share of the cost of the upkeep of the building and grounds.

Miss Cecelia Chatfield is remaining in charge of the Inglewood office, which will operate without an assistant from now on.

File Statutory Charge Against Two Young Men

Numerous Arrests Follow
Discovery of Child
"Love Nest"

Seven young men, ranging in age from 16 to 23 years, are being held in the county jail on charges arising out of the discovery last Friday of an asserted "love nest" located at 2840 236th street, South Torrance, where it is said that a number of wild parties at which five young Wilmington girls were frequent visitors have been held during the past three months. The men are Harold Vaughn, 23, whose two-room cottage at the above address is said to have been the scene of the parties; Fred Malsey, 18; Milton Carter, 21; Wilbur Luke, 18; Kenneth Rathburn, 18; Vernon Dwyer, 19, and Galloway Hammack, 17. Two other men are being sought by officers in connection with the case, and it is thought that additional information secured from those already in custody may involve others.

Luke, 1115 No. Roman street, Wilmington, and Rathburn, 3017 25th street, Lomita, were arraigned in the Lomita township justice court on Monday of this week to answer to charges of rape filed by Deputy Sheriff H. C. Brewster, who has been investigating the case. The young men were placed under bonds of \$1500 each to appear for preliminary hearing on January 22 at 10 o'clock. In default of bail they

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James H. Milburn Ill Many Months Taken By Death

Heart Trouble Closes Life
Existence of Pioneer
Resident of City

Following an illness of two years from heart trouble, James Hartley Milburn, 1916 Andree, passed away Tuesday morning, January 17. Death came quietly to the sufferer who passed away in his sleep.

Mr. Milburn had been a resident of Torrance for more than 15 years.

He was born June 10, 1869, near Leeds, England, a son of Robert and Margaret Milburn. Three weeks later his parents removed to Sunderland, County of Durham, where he grew up. At the age of nine years, Milburn became an apprentice in the Hartley glass factory of Sunderland. His rise to positions of trust in the concern was rapid, for at the age of 19 he became manager of the concern which was then one of the largest glass factories in England.

In 1890 Milburn emigrated to the United States. He worked in the factories of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, and in 1902 on the opening of the Pacific Window Glass factory at Stockton he came to California, where he was employed for three years. A return journey to the middle west found him employed in factories in Fredonia, Kaney, Kansas; Wichita Falls, Texas, and Okmukee, Oklahoma. He returned to Stockton in March, 1916, and in October of the following year he removed with his family to Torrance, where he was for a number of years until the closing of the plant employed in the glass factory.

His marriage to Miss Phoebe J. Brown, a member of a pioneer California family, occurred at Stockton in December, 1902. Mrs. Milburn, who has for several years been employed as city hostess by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, survives him. A foster daughter, Miss Doris J. Wood, also mourns his passing.

Mr. Milburn was a member of the Episcopal church, and wherever he resided has always taken an active interest in the work of the church. As a boy he was a member of the choir for 12 years with a record of having missed only four Sundays in attendance during the entire time.

The body of Mr. Milburn will be brought to his late residence today, where friends who wish to pay their last respects may call between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock this evening. Funeral services will be held Friday morning, January 20, at 10 o'clock from Christ Episcopal church. Interment will be made at Pacific Crest.

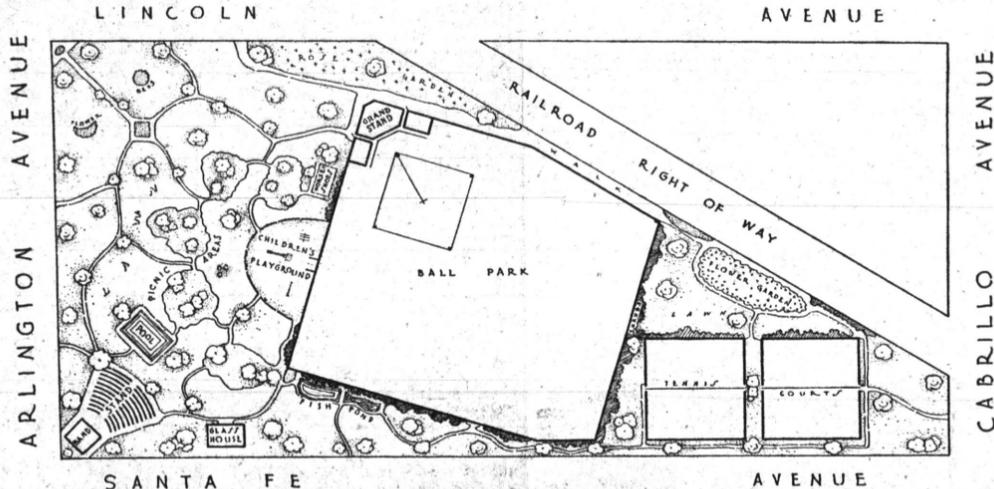
15 Local Men Put To Work By County

A crew of 15 Torrance unemployed men working in six-day shifts were put to work yesterday morning grading Sepulveda boulevard between Hawthorne and Madrona avenues. The work is being paid for by the county and will require about a month to complete, City Engineer Frank Leonard estimated.

Henning's Father Died This Morning

A. Henning, father of Councilman A. E. Henning of this district, died at 7 o'clock this morning at his home in Long Beach. He was 88 years old. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock at Patterson & McQuiklen's mortuary. The remains will be placed in Angelus Abbey at Compton.

Proposed Plan for Municipal Park



The park committee of the Torrance city council this week submitted the above proposed plan, prepared by City Engineer F. R. Leonard, for the development of the new Torrance Municipal Park on Arlington avenue.

For the past two weeks unemployed crews have been busy grading the tennis courts and the area to be used for the baseball diamond. Five men will be employed each day for the next five or six weeks, and the work will be rotated among local unemployed men, Leonard stated. The work to be done at present will include the removal of ball park equipment from the Carson street location. The grand stand will be enlarged and showers for the players installed. The present bleachers will also be moved to the new municipal park. The city engineer stated that he expected the ball park to be completed in about six weeks to two months.

Other improvements will be added as soon as appropriations are available and will include: four tennis courts,

a children's wading and sail-boat pool, a band stand, horse-shoe course, outdoor ovens, picnic tables, fish pond, flower beds, walks and a glass house to be used by picnic parties in the event of rain.

A high wire and steel fence will be constructed along the railroad, the triangular area across the tracks being reserved for development later. Councilman Scott Ludlow suggested that this triangular area might be developed into a rock garden with rippling cataracts, etc. The larger portion of the park area which is proposed for development first comprises eight and one-quarter acres and the smaller triangular area consists of two acres.

Negotiations are under way for the acquisition of a few lots opposite the park at the corner of Arlington and Lincoln avenues. If this additional land is secured by the city, Lincoln avenue will be closed between Arlington and the railroad tracks and the area used for parking automobiles, city officials state.

Prominent Figures at Harbor Meeting



Photo courtesy of Long Beach Press-Telegram.
Left to Right—Carl L. Hyde, newly-elected president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce; A. G. Brown, Los Angeles sales manager of the Columbia Steel Company; William A. Ross, San Francisco, vice president of Columbia Steel; John R. Quinn, county supervisor; Rufus Page, retiring president of the Chambers of Commerce, and B. W. Lanz, manager of Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel.

Sudden Death of Nohrnberg Is Due To Heart Attack

Acute heart trouble was disclosed as the result of an autopsy held in determining the cause of the sudden death of Frank David Nohrnberg, whose lifeless body was found not far from his home at 2255 Torrance boulevard on Wednesday of last week.

Funeral services for the deceased were held on Saturday, January 14, at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel. The remains were placed in Angelus Abbey.

Civic Bodies Act To Endorse Outfall

At a meeting of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held Wednesday, two resolutions of importance to the community and district were adopted. One supports the proposed construction of the outfall sewer as proposed by the engineers of the Metropolitan Sewer District of which Torrance is a member, and the other opposed any diversion of the gasoline tax funds from the road department.

The same action was taken during the afternoon at a special meeting of the city council.

Truck Plunges Off Ridge Route Road

Harris Grothman, 2005 Andree avenue, a truck driver in the employ of Tolson Transportation Company, was severely injured Wednesday night January 11, when his truck skidded on some ice near Sandburg's on the Ridge Route, and plunged into a gulley at the side of the road.

The truck fell 25 feet and overturned. Grothman was severely cut and bruised. He was taken to the San Joaquin hospital at Bakersfield where he is still receiving treatment.

Mrs. Laura Post Died Suddenly This Morning

Mrs. Laura Post, 78, widow of George W. Post, founder of the First National Bank of Torrance, and one of the pioneer residents, passed away shortly after 10 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allen Sedgwick, of Los Angeles, from a heart attack.

Her son-in-law, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, who had been at her bedside early this morning, was hastily recalled, but Mrs. Post had passed away before he could reach the Sedgwick home. Because of the absence of members of Mrs. Post's family, her son, J. W. Post, and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Post, who are in Los Angeles, no further details could be obtained.

Former Owner of Music Store Dies of Bullet Wound

Thomas Gardner of Gardena, Despondent Over Health, Ends Life

Thomas Gardner, age 54, prominent Gardena resident and retired business man, died Friday morning at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital soon after he had been admitted for treatment. Gardner was suffering from a bullet wound in the head, said to have been self-inflicted. Ill health over a considerable period is said to have been the cause.

According to reports made to investigators of the homicide squad, Gardner was found by his wife, lying in the backyard at their home, 1313 Strawberry Park avenue, with a rifle beside him. He was taken at once to the Torrance hospital but life fled soon after his admittance to the institution.

Gardner had resided in Gardena for the past 16 years. He was formerly in the automobile business and later conducted a music store. With his son, Milton, Gardner in 1925-27 conducted a branch music store in Torrance, located at 1601 Gramercy avenue.

FURTHER EXPANSION OF STEEL PLANT PROMISED BY OFFICIALS

Vice President of Columbia Steel Predicts Rapid Development in Manufacturing on the Coast. Ask Local Co-operation

Further industrial expansion on the Pacific coast within the next few years for which the communities, particularly those of the Southland, must prepare themselves, was forecast by officials of the Columbia Steel Corporation, speaking at the meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, held in Torrance last Thursday night.

William A. Ross of San Francisco, vice president of the corporation, who was the principal speaker, declared that the immediate future is luminous with promise for rapid development. Forerunners of this expansion are the

Quinn Opposes Diversion of Gasoline Tax

Supervisor Asks United Action
From Southland on
Proposal

Supervisor John R. Quinn, in a speech before the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce held here Thursday evening, vigorously expressed his opposition to the plan to transfer approximately \$9,000,000 from the gasoline tax fund to be used for other purposes than the construction and maintenance of highways.

Quinn pointed out that this county government and the cities would be deprived of funds which have been used to relieve unemployment in road work and to relieve real estate owners of the burden of some excessive assessments.

Quinn, who represents the district of which Torrance is part, is head of the county roads and highways committee. Transfer of these funds would be likely to bring about an increase in the county tax rate, and place an additional burden on real estate, already staggering under the load of taxation.

Other items in the economy program sponsored by state officials include cutting out the state's share of the cost for the care of aged persons, the blind, and the support of indigent minor children, all of which cost would be shifted to the counties with a probable increase in county tax rates to meet the requirements.

The proposed reduction in the A. D. A. state fund for school purposes from \$30 to \$24 is another problem to be solved by the counties.

United effort on the part of Southern California to secure equitable application of the state's share of the gas tax funds is highly necessary, according to Quinn, who recently made a trip into the northern part of the state where he found an amusing yet serious situation existing in regard to proposed approaches to the bridge across San Francisco bay.

Mrs. E. T. Bath Succumbs After Long Sickness

Mother of Mrs. W. J. Neelands Laid to Rest
Wednesday

Impressive funeral rites in memory of the late Mrs. Erminia T. Bath, aged 67, who passed away January 16, following a long illness, were held at Stone & Myers chapel Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Bath passed away at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. W. J. Neelands, 1233 Engracia avenue, with whom she had made her home for some years. She had resided in Torrance since 1919. Mrs. Bath was a native of Michigan.

Rev. O. D. Wonder of the Central Evangelical church, assisted by Rev. F. A. Zeller and Rev. G. G. Schmidt, former pastors of the church in Torrance, officiated at the services which were attended by a large number of friends including members of the Torrance chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, whose officers were in charge of services at the grave.

automobile factories and rubber plants, which have lately established themselves here. More will follow these few, and with them will come the allied manufacturing plants, hundreds of them, which are now preparing for the inevitable westerly move.

Spends \$400,000
During the past few months the Columbia Steel Company has been engaged in improving its plants in Torrance, at an expenditure of more than \$400,000 in alterations and new equipment in preparation for the manufacture of full finish sheet steel.

Further large investments are planned for Torrance, said Ross, provided his company is given the whole-hearted community support it desires.

"The last few years have been trying periods in the steel industry," Ross said. "The depression has been the greatest competition in recent years. Let us recover and fight it with all we have."

Sound Investment
"When the U. S. Steel Corporation purchased the Columbia Steel Company it regarded it as a fundamentally sound investment, and we are today particularly pleased with our investment in Torrance."

"All told, we have \$45,000,000 invested on the coast. Our confidence in Southern California is shown in the equipment installed at the Torrance plant to turn out products second to none produced in the east. We now have a full finish sheet steel plant representing an added investment of \$400,000.

"We are sorry that the Torrance plant has operated at only 21 per cent capacity the past year, when it should be turning out 10,000 tons of finished product monthly; but I must remind you that in the last three years 24,000 gross tons of steel were imported to Pacific coast ports which had a custom-house value of \$10,000,000. Had this steel been produced on the coast it would have meant \$3,500,000 in labor, enough to supply a year's work to 2262 men at \$5.09 per day.

Greater Expansion
"We have under consideration plans in which we are prepared to make further large investments if we receive the encouragement that would warrant us in doing so. We believe it is foolish for us to sit back and wait to see what the new administration will do. Business leadership has been on trial and I believe in some respects it has been found wanting. Therefore we are planning now to be ready when industry does come this way. I believe that future opportunities are greater than those of the past. Therefore we pledge to you our unlimited support. We are sincere in this statement. We wish to become an important factor in community and industrial development."

Bert W. Lanz, plant superintendent at Torrance, supplemented his chief's remarks with a plea to the assembled representatives of the cities in the harbor district to "put their houses in order." When the rush of manufacturing plants to the coast begins, as it will inevitably within a very short time, the communities of the Southland, which are in the market for the location of industries, must be prepared in every way to co-operate with these manufacturers.

"We believed a year or two ago," said Lanz, "that the migration of plants to the coast would come about 1935 or 1936. In that estimate we were wrong, for the day is right now at hand when the owners of the industries allied to automobile manufacture, and in fact all types of manufacture, are knocking at our doors, looking for locations, ready to move in to our communities whenever they are made welcome. So put your house in order and get ready for the new plants. They are bound to come."